

**Maricopa County Community Services Commission**  
Maricopa County Human Services Department  
234 N. Central, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Arizona Conference Room  
Phoenix, Arizona 85004  
**Monday, September 28, 2009**  
**6:00 PM**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:**

City of Glendale - Councilman Steve Frate	Town of Gila Bend – Vice Mayor Fred Hull
City of Tolleson – Councilwoman Kathie Farr	Sister Barbara Webster
Low Income Representative - Glenn Cuzzort	SRP – Marty Sonnenberg
Valley of the Sun United Way – Amy Schwabenlender	The Salvation Army – David Clitheroe

**Presenters/Staff/Guests Present:**

**Staff:**

Eileen Hartnett  
Frances Delgado  
Anthony Lucio  
Erik Miller

**Guests:**

Mary Hutchinson, TCAA  
Joy McClain, City of Tolleson  
Shawna Fellenz – Gilbert/Chandler CAP  
Dolores Hull

- 1. Call to Order** Vice Chair Amy Schwabenlender called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
- 2. Roll Call** Erik Miller called roll and a quorum was established.
- 3. Opening Prayer** Steve Frate led the prayer.
- 4. Pledge of Allegiance** Glen Cuzzort led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 5. Approval of Minutes** Amy Schwabenlender asked for approval of the August 24, 2009, meeting minutes, Kathie Farr made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Sister Barbara Webster seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were accepted as presented.
- 6. Presentations**

A presentation on Community Development (CD) was given by Renee Ayres-Benavidez. Community Development joined the Human Services Department on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009. They have two different sections, the first is the Maricopa Urban County, which is not a HUD program and the second section is the Maricopa Home Consortium (HOME), which funds municipalities that are not eligible to receive HUD funds directly from the federal government. The CD division also has an advisory committee, which consists of citizens and members of public organizations.

The CD division receives two different annual grants, a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), which is approximately two million dollars and a HOME grant, which is approximately \$650,000 a year. The CD program also received a one-time grant from the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP), which was for 9.7 million dollars.

The CDBG benefits the low and moderate-income families. This grant also assists in emergencies, such as hurricanes or floods. This grant can be used on creation and improvement of public facilities. This grant can also be used for the elimination of slums and blights. This grant cannot be used for government buildings or

buildings that will be occupied by government employees. In past years, the CDBG completed a community center, purchased a fire truck, built or renovated six (6) residential infrastructures, purchased three (3) new fire hydrants, installed 77,246 linear feet of sidewalk and 17,073 linear feet of waterline.

The HOME grant is used to expand the supply of decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing. Eligible individuals are in the low to moderate-income brackets. Some of the eligible activities include housing rehabilitation and acquisition, and homebuyer assistance. The HOME grant has assisted 51 families maintain their homes, 8 families become homeowners and constructed 30 new housing units.

The NSP is used to redevelop abandoned and foreclosed homes, but the funds must be used within the areas of greatest need. These funds must be obligated within 18 months of receipt of funds, and they must be spent within 4 years of receipt of funds. The NSP has provided down payment assistance to 15 homebuyers, they have rehabilitated 50 – 100 homes that will be resold, and they have provided 15 affordable housing units to members of the special needs population.

Anthony Lucio, from the Senior Adult Independent Living (SAIL) program, gave a presentation. The SAIL program works with the elderly and individuals with a diagnosed disability.

In FY09, the SAIL program worked with 8,039 individuals who received case management services. The case management cost to keep (1) individual in their home for one (1) year was \$367 dollars. The average annual cost for one (1) individual to stay in a nursing home is \$54,000, which means the aggregate savings to the state was \$431,155,687. The SAIL program provides services such as, case management, home delivered meals, home nursing and referrals.

The SAIL program's current projects include Rebuilding Together, Family Development Case Management, an ASU Internship program and the Senior Tree. The SAIL program is still able to keep all of these projects up and running despite their current challenges. These challenges include, state budget and finances, more people needing help, very limited sail services, and fewer community services.

## **7. Director's Report**

Eileen Hartnett provided the Director's Report for Marge Leyvas. Eileen shared the following:

Erik Miller was introduced as the new Grant Facilitator position within the Community Services Division and he started on September 8, 2009.

The positions within the weatherization program are currently going through the interview process. Yvonne Seel accepted the Program Coordinator position within the weatherization program. There are currently three (3) intake and three (3) outtake positions available. These positions should be filled in mid to late October.

MCHSD CSC is currently finalizing the Weatherization Request for Proposal (RFP) for FY 2011.

The Area Agency on Agency (AAA) and the Department of Economic Security (DES) midyear amendments are waiting for the Board of Supervisors (BOS) approval. The AAA amendment is a three-month extension that will run through December 2009.

LIHEAP money from DES should be accessible by MCHSD within three (3) weeks.

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) is going to receive a seven (7) percent reduction in the FY 2011.

#### **8. Board Remarks**

Fred Cuzzort, commented that Gila Bend is holding their Shrimp Festival on November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

Marty Sonnenberg stated that Salt River Project (SRP) has put off their rate increase for six (6) months.

#### **9. Call to the Public**

Joy McClain, Director of Tolleson CAP, stated that Tolleson will be having a Christmas Sign up on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009, and on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Tolleson would be holding a Health and Community Services Expo. Tolleson is also participating in Rebuilding America by repainting homes in their community.

Shawna Fellenz, from the Chandler and Gilbert CAPS, stated that on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009, they would be starting up their holiday program.

Mary Hutchinson, from the Tempe CAP, stated that they were working with IKEA for their holiday shopping program. They are having between eight (8) to ten (10) new people coming to their food pantry every day. They are also having new 5 people looking for Utility Assistance every Saturday.

Renee Ayres-Benavidez mentioned that on October 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009; there would be a foreclosure assistance expo hosted by the City of Phoenix. This is for individuals who are in danger of foreclosing on their home. On October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009, there would be a homebuyer event in Glendale. There will be mortgage companies on site. Renee also provided a Foreclosure Task Force website, [www.yourwayhomeaz.com](http://www.yourwayhomeaz.com), This is a state ran website for a home stabilization program.

#### **10. Adjournment**

Vice Chair Amy Schwabenlender called for a motion to adjourn. Kathie Farr made a motion to adjourn. Glen Cuzzort seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.